

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: COMPLETELY RESORBABLE
CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISTRACTION
DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C., 20231

Sir,

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

Prior to examination, please amend the application as provided below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 26 through 37, 39 through 41, 43 through 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59 and 60. Accordingly, claims 1 through 25, 38, 42, 52, 55 and 58 are pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.